

# Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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**Regular Meeting| Thursday, September 30, 2021| 10:00 AM**

## Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Georgia State Capitol Building  
206 Washington St., SW  
Room, 403  
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

\*The Commission meeting was also available via livestream\*

### PRESENT:

#### Commission Members:

James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chairman  
Eric Barnum, Vice Chairman  
Robert Watts, Commission Member  
Rick Thompson, Commission Member  
Darryl Hicks, Commission Member

#### Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary  
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary  
Joseph Cusack, Staff Attorney  
Rachel Goldberg, Staff Attorney  
Christopher Phelps, Paralegal  
Haley Brown, Press Secretary  
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator  
Cathy Cox, Court Reporter  
Joel Perkins, IT

#### Office of the Attorney-General:

Elizabeth Young, Assistant Attorney-General

### SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.</li></ul>
Election of New Commission Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>James D. Kreyenbuhl elected Chair; Eric Barnum elected Vice Chair</li></ul>
Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting minutes for the regular commission meeting on June 24, 2021 were adopted.</li></ul>
Increase of Maximum Contribution Limits pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-5-41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commission approved increase of maximum contribution limits as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Statewide candidates for Primary and General elections: \$7,600</li><li>Statewide candidates for Runoff elections: \$4,500</li><li>All other candidates for Primary and General elections: \$3,000</li><li>All other candidates for Runoff elections: \$1,600</li></ul></li></ul>
Advisory Opinion for Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advisory Opinion No. 2021-01 tabled until the next Regular Scheduled Commission meeting on December 9, 2021.</li></ul>

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Consent Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After having been presented to the Commission the following Consent Orders were adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 21-0009: In the Matter of Eshe Colins</li> <li>○ 21-0010-C: In the Matter of Jason Esteves</li> <li>○ 21-0019-C: In the Matter of Priscilla G. Smith</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Administrative Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following Administrative Dismissals were presented to the Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2018-0031: In the Matter of Brian Tam</li> <li>○ 2015-0059: In the Matter of Mack Taylor</li> <li>○ 2015-0063: In the Matter of John Garst</li> <li>○ 21-0014-C: In the Matter of Caroline Holko</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Report of the Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Emadi gave a report on the following items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Commission Staffers</li> <li>○ Budget Update</li> <li>○ Legislative Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Report of the Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Young of the Attorney General's office gave updates on the following matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2019-0050 In the Matter of New Georgia Project Inc. &amp; New Georgia Project Action Fund – Court of Appeals decision is favorable to the Commission, dismissing appeal filed by NGP; Motion to Set Aside Orders Lacking Jurisdiction is before Judge Davis, Gwinnett Superior Court – decision is pending.</li> <li>○ 2016-0046 In the Matter of No More Pat and Cathy - School Reform – Judge Fry issued an order in favor of Commission; Frank Meyers seeking reconsideration – decision pending.</li> <li>○ 2009-0007;2017-0169PC: In the Matter of John Oxendine - Oxendine seeking dismissal; Cross motion filed seeking limited summary determination – decision pending.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Litigation</li> </ul>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no public comment.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.</li> </ul>